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WM. BUNDY
July 27, 1965 3:50 p.m.

Bill Bundy called to tell Ball that President will consult with leadership tonight and further with congressional group tomorrow and not make a major speech. This raises question -- if he announced it including force buildup -- of how we should do it. I am inclined to think that we could do a circular tonight. This will be for information.

Ball asked if we haven't told British about our proposed buildup and Bundy said we have told them about the proposed buildup when it was proposed at higher level and have not informed them now that there is some uncertainty as to size of buildup. Bundy thinks we could do it with ambassadors here.

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